



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 2 Week 3
18 May 2022

Kia ora Te Kura o Hato Māka whānau

At the time of writing the Coffee Cart is open!!! I can hear the musicality of coffee beans being ground and children's excitement about hot chocolate! What a joy to have this amazing service in our school, time for fellowship and just an early morning coffee to start the day! Thank you thank you to the volunteer baristas and to wonderful Roz Burke and her team.

There will be some differences to the way coffee is ordered and delivered in keeping with maintaining the health and safety for all!!!

Managing ākonga and kaiako health

Our onsite risk management systems continue with careful hygiene, mask wearing for staff and notifications of positive Covid-19 cases in classrooms. A personal note of thanks to our community for your ongoing timely notifications.

Church Services Friday

We welcome all whānau and family members to our Friday church services held **Fridays 9.00am**. From **Friday 3rd June** services will be held at **St Mark's Church**. The buddy system will operate with buddies walking together to church from school. Plans are in place for this to happen as we look forward to worshipping in the church that has been the school's spiritual home.

Calendar Update

Subsequent to the last newsletter there has been additional confirmation of dates for Term 2, and these, along with previous dates are listed below for your diaries:

- **Thursday 19th May - School Cross Country - year 4 - 8**

- **Anti-bullying (wear something pink) kaikahu kainga (home clothes) day Friday 20th May.**
- **Monday 23rd May Book Week**
- **Tuesday 24th May** - Book Fair opens in Ōmoho
- **Thursday 26th May** - Dress up as a book character day
- **Thursday 2 June** - Winter Sport competition starts - Year 5 - 8
- **Monday 6th June - QUEENS BIRTHDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED**
- **Friday 17 June** - Walk With A Purpose - information in a separate communication
- **Matariki Celebration - Tuesday 21st June**
- **Friday 24th June - MATARIKI - SCHOOL CLOSED**
- **Tuesday 28 June** - Sport and Cultural photos
- **Last day of Term 2 - Friday 8th July**

And in other news...!!

- **Shout out to our volunteer whānau baristas!**
- **Mr Clarkson has been identified as the cup thief.**
- **Continuing the coffee theme - Mrs Bigelow was unknowingly conducting an experiment in her classroom with aged milk!**
- **Mrs Elliott is an inspiration on her e-bike!**

There is huge excitement building to our return to St Mark's Church. We can only imagine how the parish must be feeling after a long time worshipping in the school hall. Our prayers go out to the parish as they prepare for the consecration of the church and our wonderful **Rev. Ben** as he brings the gospel to life for so many. History will tell of his special gifts in living and sharing Christ's love for all.

Averil and Staff



Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story

Church Certificates

Inaka	Kamrin W/Sebastian B
Putakitaki	Sienna F/Jesse M
Koura	Aurora S/Bram C-B
Kawau	Alfie M/Lucy O'D
Kāmana	Marnie C/Madelyn E
Pīngao	Tyree A D/Leo G
Karengo	Zachary O/Charlie B
Kahawai	Cruze S/Jesse S/Felicity W
Toroa	Matthew C/Danielle G

Sports Results

St Mark's Year 5 Otters 8 v Lyttelton 2
Player of the Day: Alexandra H
St Mark's Year 6 - 24 v St Margaret's 0
Player of the Day: Tiffany C

From today, children are asked to bring their PE shoes or shoes suitable for playing on the field.



COFFEE CART RE-OPENING THIS WEDNESDAY MORNING

TO FACILITATE THE RULES AROUND COVID 'ORANGE' WE ASK THAT YOU DO NOT CONGREGATE AROUND THE COFFEE CART.

ORDERS CAN BE PLACED, PAID FOR AND PICKED UP FROM THE SERVICE STATION AREA WHICH WILL BE SET UP ON THE HARD COURT AREA OF THE PLAYGROUND.

PLEASE BE ADVISED WE SHALL NO LONGER BE OPERATING AN I.O.U. SYSTEM.

ALL STUDENT DRINKS NEED TO BE ORDERED BY 8:50AM. PARENTS CAN STILL ORDER FOR THEMSELVES UNTIL 9AM.

THE COFFEE CART WILL OPERATE EACH WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY MORNING DURING TERM 2.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU BACK.



ANZAC POEM

Lest we forget
Tumbling through the dark and muddy trenches
They fought for the Liberty of our countries
We use poppies to symbolize our gratitude
Running around, hoping not to end up lying in rain, lifeless.

By Ari R

THE TRENCHES

Shells falling as well as the men,
A vast wasteland is all that is left,
Dead!

Boy's clutching onto their rifles as their faces look lifeless,
Digging deep trenches as fingers blister,
Hell!

Grenades thrown bombs dropped,
People dying as widows are crying,
Explosions!

Running to the end not knowing if there is one
Feeling broken knowing what you've done
Fear!

By James P

Please support our annual Scholastic Book Fair.

OPENING HOURS

Monday: 2.30pm-3.30pm afternoon only

Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday

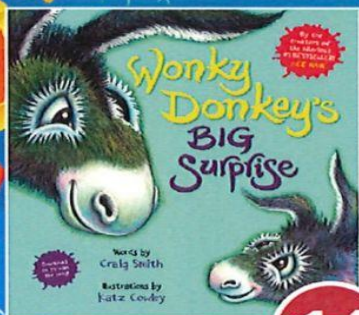
8.30m - 9.30am

2.30pm - 3.30pm

Eftpos is preferred method of payment.

SCHOLASTIC  **Book Fairs**

You're invited to our Scholastic BOOK FAIR

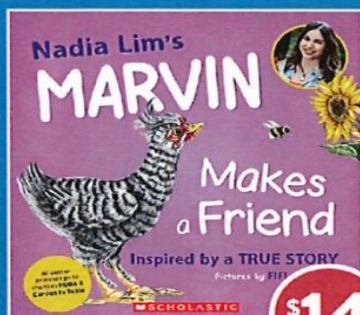


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**WONKY DONKEY'S
BIG SURPRISE**

Wonky Donkey has a wonderful surprise for Dinky...

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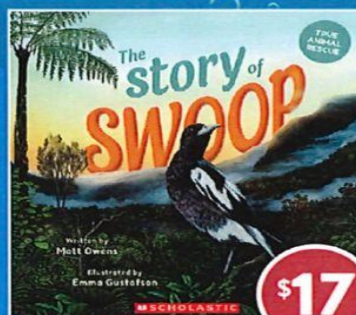


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**NADIA LIM'S
MARVIN MAKES A FRIEND**

There are lots of animals on the farm, but will any of them be Marvin's friend?

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THE STORY OF SWOOP

When firefighter Matt stopped to rescue a lost magpie chick, a very special friendship unfolded.

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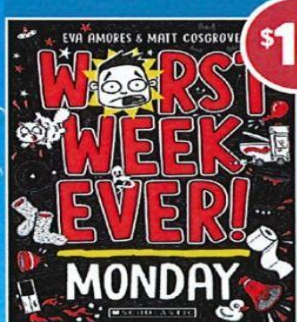


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PERSPECTIVES

Will the baby frogs figure out how to work together inside and outside the classroom?

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**WORST WEEK EVER!
MONDAY**

HAVE YOU EVER HAD A BAD WEEK? Justin Chase sure has and THIS is it!

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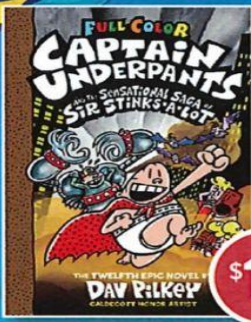


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THE BRIGHTEST NIGHT

Is it possible for anyone to end this terrible war and choose a new SandWing queen?

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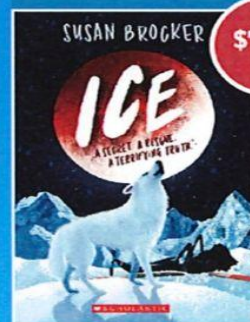


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**CAPTAINUNDERPANTS
AND THE SENSATIONAL
SAGA OF SIR STINKS-
A-LOT**

The future of all humanity is in George and Harold's hands!

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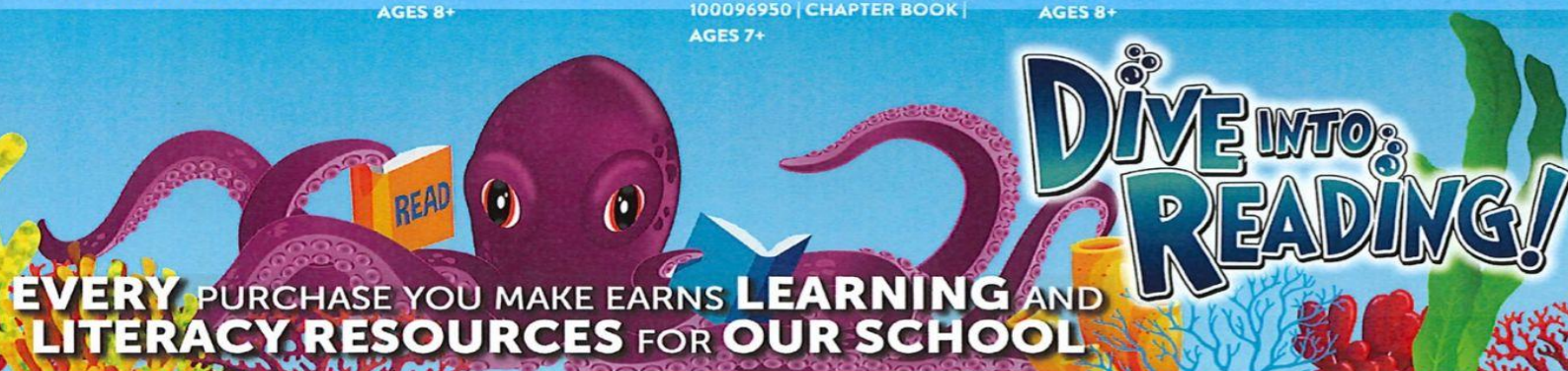
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An adventure that becomes a fight for survival against a terrifying enemy.

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AGES 8+



Find these
books and
hundreds more
at the Fair!



DIVE INTO: READING!

EVERY PURCHASE YOU MAKE EARNS LEARNING AND LITERACY RESOURCES FOR OUR SCHOOL



ST MARK'S SCHOOL

FOUNTAIN OF PEACE NZ – WALK WITH A PURPOSE

Information Sheet

We would like to extend a warm invitation to the St Mark's School community to join our Fountain of Peace NZ – Walk with a Purpose fundraising event on Friday the 17th of June, to help raise funds for Fountain of Peace Children's Foundation NZ. Fountain of Peace NZ is working in Western Uganda, creating family-based homes within a village community, for orphaned and abandoned children, as well as working to provide clean water, education, health care and sustainable projects for the whole community.

At present funds are being raised towards the construction of a new family-based home, for eight orphaned and abandoned children who have been rescued into the care of Fountain of Peace. This home is to be named Canterbury House. The funds raised by our St Mark's School community will be going towards the furnishings of this family home. This includes furnishing the bedrooms, kitchen, bathrooms, living and dining area.

For students and family members wanting to take part in this uplifting event they can either walk from their home taking their own route, or join one of the four different walking routes coming from Westmorland, Mt Pleasant, Lyttleton, or the Christchurch Transitional Cathedral. Walking route maps will be sent via the St Mark's School App once they have been finalised. Students should aim to arrive at school around 8.30am. The wonderful St Mark's School Parents Association will be providing a hot drink and snack for walkers when they arrive at school. The significance of walking to school is that many children in Uganda have to walk up to 10 km to and from school each day, often on an empty tummy. It helps our students in further developing their sense of empathy and thoughtfulness towards those less fortunate.

Students taking part in this Fountain of Peace NZ – Walk with a Purpose can wear mufti for the walk and for the entire school day. Please pack extra snacks for your child and ensure they have a water bottle and any personal medication which may be required for the walk (i.e. asthma inhaler). Students can either carry their school bag or you could drop it to school at around 8.30am when they arrive.

If your child would like to join this fundraising walk, please complete the sign-up/waiver form before Friday 10th June. This will also be sent on the School App and will include an event waiver for parents/caregivers who would like to participate. We will require one adult for every five students participating in this event, who will be designated to be responsible for these children from the start to the finish of the walk. We will be setting up whatsapp groups for communication leading up to the event and for communication on the day.

Please feel free to share the following link with any friends or family who may wish to sponsor your child –
<https://givealittle.co.nz/fundraiser/st-marks-school-fountain-of-peace-nz-walk>

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